

# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR WISCONSIN BAY AREA COUNTIES

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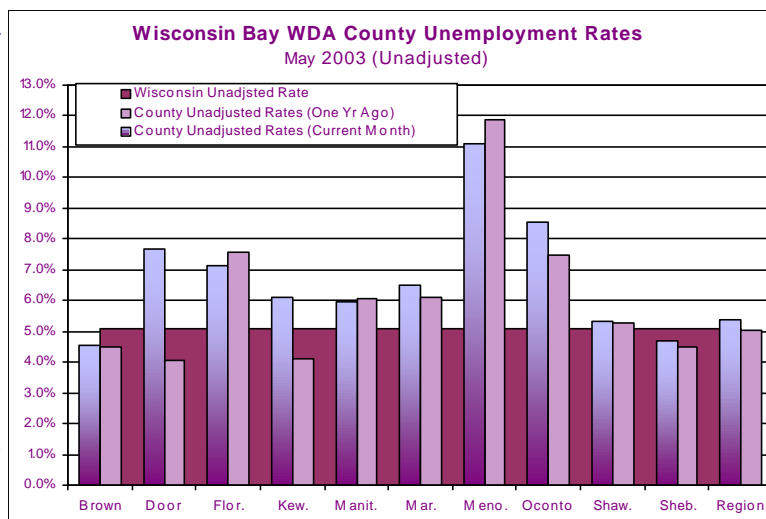
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## May Unemployment Rates Continue To Improve On a Seasonal Basis

Following seasonal patterns, the unadjusted unemployment rates declined in all of the Bay Area's ten counties during May. This is typical for early summer as both labor force levels and employment levels expand. Although over the month rates showed declines in all ten counties, only three of the ten counties experienced lower unemployment rates when compared with last May. The region also was above the one year ago level. Counties with lower over the year rates were Florence, Manitowoc, and Menominee Counties.

The improvement in the monthly rate is due to continued light growth in the labor force, and a near average increase in the number of workers finding employment.

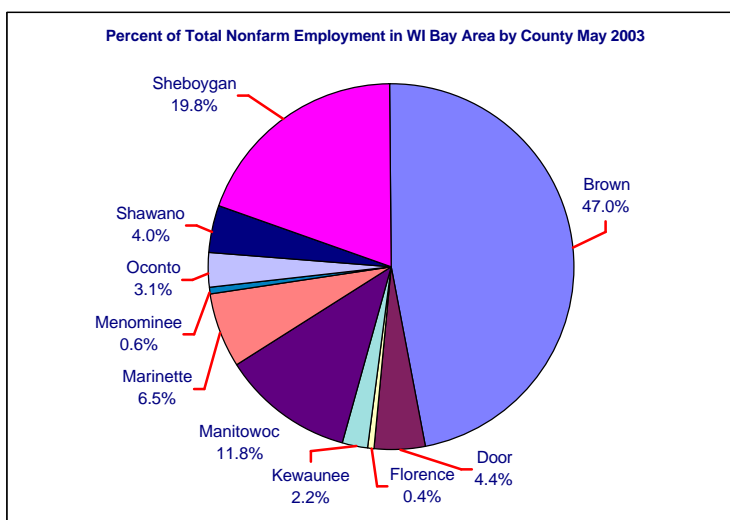
The labor force increased by 1,500 in May to 348,800 while the number of workers employed rose by 3,900 to 329,900. Manitowoc was the only county to experience a decline in its labor force over the month, while Florence, Marinette, Menominee and Shawano Counties remained unchanged from April. All of the area's counties experienced an increase in the number of employed from April to May.



The rate for the Wisconsin Bay Area was 5.4 percent, a decline of 0.7 of a percentage point. The average decline in the April to May rate for the region from 1990 to 2002 has been 0.5 of a percentage point. The percentage point drop in six of the area's counties outperformed the average monthly change, when compared to the 1990 to 2002 average for the month. Last year the rate for the area was 5.0 percent.

Menominee County at 11.1 percent was the only county with a rate above 10 percent, while three counties had rates at 5.0 percent or below. Those were: Shawano County and the two metropolitan statistical areas in the Bay Area, Brown County, and Sheboygan County. The rate for the Bay Area remained above the State of Wisconsin's unadjusted rate of 5.1 percent.

Nonfarm wage and salary employment (NFWS) increased 4,500 from April and 5,500 from one year ago. All ten counties experienced employment growth during May. In the ten county Bay Area, Brown County has the largest number of workers in NFWS employment. Brown County has nearly 50 percent of the jobs in the region, this is followed by Sheboygan County, the other metropolitan statistical area (MSA) in the area with just under 20 percent of the jobs. Florence County has the smallest percent of the area jobs with just 0.4 of a percent of the jobs in the area.



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## Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

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The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Green Bay MSA declined 0.2 of a percentage point to 4.6 percent. This was 0.1 of a percentage point above May 2002.

The nation's rate was 6.1 percent, up 0.2 of a percentage point from April. The rate for Wisconsin was unchanged from April at 5.4 percent.

The rate for the Sheboygan MSA was 4.9 percent, unchanged from April. Last May, the rate for Sheboygan

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Wisconsin Bay Workforce Development Area												
May 2003	Brown	Door	Flor.	Kew.	Manit.	Marinette	Meno.	Oconto	Shaw.	Sheb.	Bay Area	WI
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	145,100	17,200	2,000	11,200	45,200	22,700	2,400	17,000	20,700	65,300	348,800	3,077,100
Employed	138,500	15,900	1,800	10,500	42,500	21,200	2,100	15,500	19,600	62,300	329,900	2,921,200
Unemployed	6,600	1,300	100	700	2,700	1,500	300	1,500	1,100	3,100	18,800	155,900
Unemployment rate(%)	4.6%	7.7%	7.1%	6.1%	6.0%	6.5%	11.1%	8.5%	5.3%	4.7%	5.4%	5.1%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.9%	-	5.4%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	148,400	13,900	1,300	6,900	37,200	20,600	2,000	9,800	12,700	62,600	315,500	2,799,500
Total Private	130,800	12,100	1,000	5,900	32,600	18,200	100	7,700	9,800	56,000	274,200	2,374,700
Goods Producing	35,500	2,900	400	2,400	13,800	6,800	*	3,100	2,900	27,100	94,900	639,700
Service Producing	112,900	11,000	1,000	4,500	23,400	13,800	2,000	6,700	9,800	35,500	220,600	2,159,800
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	8,200	900	100	500	1,700	700	*	600	600	2,600	15,900	123,600
Manufacturing	27,300	2,000	300	1,900	12,100	6,100	*	2,500	2,300	24,500	79,000	516,100
Trade	21,900	1,700	100	800	4,400	2,900	100	1,100	2,000	7,400	42,300	432,300
Transportation & Utilities	9,900	100	40	500	1,600	700	*	300	300	1,300	14,700	315,700
Financial Activities	10,400	600	40	200	1,000	600	*	200	400	2,200	15,800	156,200
Education and Health Services	17,200	1,500	100	600	4,800	2,800	*	1,000	1,600	6,400	36,000	362,300
Leisure & Hospitality	12,900	4,000	200	800	3,100	2,000	*	1,200	1,500	4,000	29,800	245,100
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	23,000	1,400	100	500	3,900	2,300	*	700	1,100	7,600	40,700	951,200
Total Government	17,600	1,800	300	1,000	4,600	2,400	1,900	2,200	2,900	6,600	41,300	424,800
Federal	1,000	100	30	100	200	100	*	100	100	200	2,000	28,700
State	2,700	100	10	0	200	200	*	0	100	700	4,000	103,500
Local	13,900	1,600	300	900	4,200	2,100	1,900	2,000	2,700	5,700	35,300	292,600
Change from one month ago April 2003												
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	300	900	0	100	-300	0	0	200	0	200	1,500	900
Employed	800	1,200	100	200	400	300	100	300	300	300	3,900	23,200
Unemployed	-600	-200	0	-100	-700	-200	0	-100	-300	-200	-2,500	-22,300
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.4%	-2.0%	-2.4%	-0.7%	-1.6%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-0.8%	-1.3%	-0.3%	-0.7%	-0.7%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	-0.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	1,500	1,100	60	200	500	300	60	300	300	200	4,500	32,100
Total Private	1,500	1,100	40	200	500	300	0	300	300	300	4,500	35,500
Goods Producing	900	0	30	0	200	100	0	100	100	200	1,600	12,200
Service Producing	600	1,100	30	100	300	300	60	200	200	0	2,900	19,900
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	700	0	20	0	200	100	0	100	0	200	1,300	10,900
Manufacturing	200	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	220	1,300
Trade	300	100	0	10	100	100	0	40	90	100	790	6,600
Transportation & Utilities	300	0	0	20	0	0	0	10	10	0	370	4,900
Financial Activities	-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	0	-40	1,500
Education and Health Services	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	-100	70	-700
Leisure & Hospitality	0	900	10	100	100	200	0	110	130	200	1,730	12,300
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	0	100	0	10	0	0	0	20	20	-100	30	2,600
Total Government	0	0	10	-10	100	0	60	0	-70	-100	-30	-3,400
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	-100
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	-1,200
Local	0	0	10	-10	0	0	50	-10	-70	-100	-70	-2,100
Change from one year ago May 2002												
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	4,000	1,000	100	400	800	700	0	600	100	2,200	9,900	65,900
Employed	3,700	400	100	200	800	600	0	400	100	2,000	8,100	59,900
Unemployed	300	700	0	200	0	100	0	200	0	200	1,800	6,000
Unemployment rate(%)	0.1%	3.6%	-0.5%	2.0%	-0.1%	0.4%	-0.8%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%	0.1%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.3%	-	0.1%
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	4,000	0	100	0	100	300	0	100	-200	1,100	5,500	1,100
Total Private	4,300	0	100	200	100	300	0	-100	-100	1,300	6,100	600
Goods Producing	900	-300	0	-100	-400	0	0	-200	0	500	500	-25,100
Service Producing	3,100	400	0	100	500	300	0	200	-200	600	5,000	26,200
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	300	0	0	0	-100	0	0	0	0	-100	100	-2,400
Manufacturing	600	-300	0	-100	-200	0	0	-200	0	600	400	-22,700
Trade	-700	-400	0	0	100	100	0	-100	0	0	-1,000	-18,900
Transportation & Utilities	700	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	800	-20,600
Financial Activities	200	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	500	4,400
Education and Health Services	600	100	0	0	200	0	0	0	100	0	1,100	7,000
Leisure & Hospitality	900	800	0	100	0	300	0	200	100	200	2,600	20,400
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	1,700	-200	0	0	0	-100	0	-100	-200	500	1,500	25,400
Total Government	-300	0	0	-100	100	0	0	200	-100	-200	-600	500
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1,500
State	-300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-300	1,100
Local	0	0	0	-100	100	0	0	200	-100	-200	-300	900

\* Includes participants residing in area. \*\* Includes employment with employers located in area. \* Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFW's data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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